

**EDUCATION CABINET**

**SECTION 7.38.(a)** G.S. 116C-1(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) The Education Cabinet shall consist of the Governor, who shall serve as chair, the President of The University of North Carolina, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Chairman of the State Board of Education, the President of the North Carolina Community Colleges System, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the President of the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities. The Education Cabinet may invite other representatives of education to participate in its deliberations as adjunct members."

**SECTION 7.38.(b)** The Education Cabinet shall study:

- (1) The extent to which school nurses, school social workers, and other instructional support personnel collaborate with each other and with local health, mental health, and social services providers to meet the needs of at-risk children and their families and to support the educational achievement of at-risk children; and
- (2) The need for additional training for school nurses, school social workers, and other instructional support personnel on multidisciplinary assessments and on referral and care coordination for at-risk students and their families.

The Education Cabinet shall report the results of its study and its recommendations to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee prior to April 15, 2006.

**THE CENTER FOR 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SKILLS**

**SECTION 7.39.(a)** The State Board of Education shall transfer funds appropriated for the Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills to the Office of the Governor. These funds shall be used for the establishment of the Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills within the North Carolina Business Committee for Education, Inc. The purpose of the Center shall be to design curriculum, teacher training, and student assessment to support students acquiring the knowledge and skills needed for the emerging workforce of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**SECTION 7.39.(b)** The North Carolina Business Committee for Education, Inc., and the Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills shall coordinate their efforts on high school reform with the North Carolina New Schools Project.

**SECTION 7.39.(c)** The North Carolina Business Committee for Education, Inc., and the Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills shall work with the North Carolina Science, Mathematics and Technology Education Center, the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, the North Carolina Board of Science and Technology, and the governing boards of education to research and propose options to create new or expand existing mathematics and science summer enrichment programs across the State and to establish nonresidential high schools focused on mathematics, science, and technology.

**TEACHER WORKING CONDITIONS SURVEY**

**SECTION 7.40.(a)** Funds in the amount of two hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$215,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and two hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$290,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year are appropriated in section 2.1 of this act to administer the Governor's Teacher Working Conditions Survey Initiative. These funds shall be used by the State Board of Education, in collaboration with the North